

THE PASSING OF PROF. WALKER

By R. H. HUDNALL

In the recent death of Prof. George Walker, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Montgomery county and the State of Virginia have lost a most useful citizen and a man whose intimate acquaintance with him has given the writer an opportunity to emphasize some of his many striking features of his life and character in the modest mission of this paper.

His remarkable activity. Though not physically strong, Prof. Walker was one of the most active of men. There was a superabundance of energy about him, constantly manifesting itself in one way or another. He had almost reached the allotted three score years and ten, yet his step was quick and elastic; animation and life breathed forth in his every movement. Six days' labor in the classroom did not satisfy him; Sunday morning he was at the post of duty in the Sunday-school and church, and the afternoons generally found him tramping over the fields or across the mountains around Blacksburg, speaking a word of cheer or comfort to the people in their homes, or giving them a Sunday school talk or sermon. He knew not what it was to grow old; he was active and vigorous until the last. Bishop Cumberbatch's motto, "Better wear out than rust out," expressed fully his sentiments. Later, worn out, was the physician's pronouncement upon his condition.

His Fine Work as a Teacher. In early life he equipped himself for the teacher's profession, in which he labored faithfully for nearly half a century. For a long time he taught in the public schools of Southwest Virginia, and spent the last twelve years of his life as professor of Latin at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. As a teacher he knew his subject well, or rather subjects, for there is hardly a school or college branch that he has not studied at length. He was an indefatigable worker. He was not only the oldest member of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute faculty, but he had more of a thoroughness than any other professor in college. Like Wesley of old, he often grew tired in the work, but never tired of it. Always thorough and conscientious, possessing great enthusiasm for his work, and a deep interest in his pupils, he easily won their respect and confidence. Few men have been more devoted to their profession than Prof. Walker. Instructing the young was the delight of his life. He taught them not only literature and science, but patriotic devotion to their State and country, which he himself loved so well. In his long experience as a teacher, whether in private or public schools, or in the college lecture-room, he has prepared hundreds of young men for professional work and exemplary living. Expressions that came to him during his last illness from old students testified to the vital influence of his life. The educational world recognizes in his death the loss of a disciplinarian and teacher of the first rank.

No one could be associated with Prof. Walker for even a brief time and not be deeply impressed with his moral and spiritual nature. Goodness and benevolence seemed indelibly rooted in him. Sir Philip Sidney's definition of gentlemanliness, "High erected thoughts seated in a heart of courtesy," was exemplified in him. Devotion to high ideals characterized the man. All moral issues appealed strongly to him.

For some time the writer lived in his home. Nothing impressed him more than Prof. Walker's spiritual-mindedness and his reverence for the family altar. His scriptural reading was always impressive, and his prayers, in which he was so gifted, tender and full of feeling. No one was ever more ardently devoted to the South and her cause. He served as a brave Confederate in the Civil War, and in the battle of life he knew how to "endure hardness" as a Christian soldier. He

represented the high type of the Christian gentleman. Faithfulness to every duty was his regnant principle in life.

His Benevolent Influence. Prof. Walker's remarkable vitality, intellectual capacity, his diversity of interests and general popularity combined to render him an eminently useful man. He was very progressive and public spirited, profoundly interested in all the vital questions of the day. His heart was large and sympathetic. To serve his fellow-men and advance in every way the interests of his community seemed to be his mission in life. Many-sidedness was a marked characteristic of him. He was always ready for duty and service, whether at the bedside of the sick, ministering to the poor and needy, or delivering a political speech, educational address, or religious discourse. He was a people's man, and scarcely was there an individual who came in contact with him that did not feel the power of his personality and the force of his example.

His influence does not and cannot end with his earthly career. It will continue to be felt down through coming ages. The world is all the better for Prof. Walker's noble and consecrated life. The most fitting tribute man can pay him is to say that he "hath done what he could."

Va. Polytechnic Institute, March 23.

WILL PUBLISH LETTERS.

Correspondence of Senator Vance to be issued in two volumes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—The North Carolina Historical Commission is receiving from a number of people, both in and out of the State, both public and private letters of United States Senator Vance, with a view to their publication in the volumes of this distinguished patriot's letters, now in process of preparation for the printer. Some of these letters, Secretary Connor says, are of historical importance, while others are of a decidedly personal character, imparting great human interest to the volumes of the commission. Among those who have sent in letters are George W. Charlton, Greenville, S. C.; N. H. Goben, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. J. A. Foll, Newton, Mass.; Mrs. S. A. Heller, Richmond; George D. Green, Wilson; J. D. Bravard, Jefferson City, Tenn.; J. Davidson, Kingston, Ga.; Jane L. Fagg, Washington, D. C.; R. W. Bond, Scotland Neck; Marshall Delancey Haywood, Raleigh.

Something like 5,000 letters and documents are already in hand, and there is assurance of still others. Secretary Connor tells regretfully of having recently located the correspondence of Senator Vance with the State agent in England for the purchase of the "Advance," but after the letters had been promised to the commission, there came a letter regretting that "a few days ago, the letters were accidentally burned."

REGARD FOR CHILD'S HEALTH.

General Oversight Exercises in Welton Public Schools.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—The Welton public schools, R. H. Latham, superintendent, are believed in the State Department of Education, to lead other schools of the State in the matter of thoroughness in the medical examination of school children, and general oversight of the health of the children. Superintendent Latham has sent to the department a physician's blank to be filled out and sent to the parents, showing the condition of the child's teeth and mouth, and estimat-

ing the cost of dental work necessary. Every child's mouth is examined, and report is sent to the parents.

This statement also serves notice that later there will be examinations of the eyes, ears, nose and throat. Appeal is made by the school superintendent for hearty co-operation by the parents. He writes the State department that he is receiving appreciative co-operation in this new undertaking.

Blacksburg Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Blacksburg, Va., March 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Landon A. Hooper, of Bluefield, have been spending the week with Mrs. Bruce Tutwiler, at the Inn. Miss Gladys Finney has returned to her home in Richmond, after a visit to Mrs. Tutwiler. Miss Achannah Jones, of Washington, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. H. P. Hamill, at the Methodist parsonage. Dr. Hamill, with Professor E. R. Pritchard, is at the meeting of the Baltimore Conference in Washington. Mrs. Frances Bell, of Pulaski, has

been spending the week here with Mrs. Mary Lou Black.

Miss Lelia Montague, of Christiansburg, is the week-end guest of Miss Laura Miller. The latter, with her brother, A. W. Miller, has reopened the family home here, after an absence of several years.

Miss Pauline Barnes, of the Miller School, is the house guest of her cousin, Mrs. T. P. Campbell.

Mrs. Victoria Painter, of Pulaski, a former resident of Blacksburg, is the guest of Mrs. Wirt Dunlap.

Mrs. Virginia Murrell has returned from Roanoke, where she has been under treatment for some time.

Rev. J. M. Killian, formerly pastor of the Lutheran Church here, is in town for a few days. Dr. P. T. Hale, of the Southern Baptist Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., was the guest of Professor J. R. Parrott, this week.

Easter gaudies at V. P. I. include a concert by the band to-night, the annual V. P. I.-V. M. I. ball game in Roanoke Monday, which those of the cadets who secure the necessary permission from their parents will attend, the German Club dances Monday and Tuesday evenings at 9 o'clock, the ball game with St. John's College Tuesday afternoon, and the minstrel

show Wednesday evening. There will be a dress parade in honor of the many visitors and old students, who will attend the Germans, and other drills of the weather permit.

At the weekly meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, J. O. Beard was elected president for next year. R. Syfan, vice-president; G. W. Chappell, treasurer; J. B. Watkins, recording secretary, and J. R. Shanks, corresponding secretary. These officers will serve for the session 1910-11.

M. W. Lee, State student secretary, spent several days here this week in conference with the local secretary and other officers of the association.

Second term examinations are over and the third and last term of the present session has begun, to end with commencement day, the third Wednesday in June.

Mrs. Eugene Beck entertained the Catholic students of the institute at a delightful reception this week.

Suffolk Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Suffolk, Va., March 26.—The Suffolk Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will present the "May Queen," a two-act cantata, at the Academy of Music next Wednesday.

About fifty young girls will take part in the production, which is under the management of Mrs. Frank G. Whaley, Mrs. Frank A. Holladay and Mrs. H. Darden. The May Queen, Fairy Queen and flower maidens will be prettily costumed. A pleasing feature will be the May pole dance by twenty girls.

Professor Clinton M. Kilby, of the Lehigh University faculty, is visiting his family home in Kentucky.

Miss Caroline Boykin is in Norfolk as a guest of Miss Virginia Cooke. She takes part in the Spargartentest.

Miss Julia Smith and mother, who for some weeks had been guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. Mesby Seay, left Tuesday for their home in Kentucky.

Miss Virginia Jenkins, who attends school at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, is spending Easter at her home here.

Clarence J. Rind and son, have concluded a stay with Portsmouth relatives.

Miss Marie Woodward this week has been a guest of friends in Smithfield.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid Society met this week. Mrs. John B. Pinner presided.

Mrs. George Whitley, of Smithfield, this week was entertained by Mrs. J. M. Darden, in Broad Street.

Easter entertainment will be presented Monday at Providence Church, Nansemond county.

Mrs. Demere Cunningham, of Boston, has completed a stay with Mrs. James C. Causey, Jr., in West Washington Street.

The Suffolk Boat Club had a meeting Thursday afternoon with Mrs. John Thornton Withers, at her home in Main Street.

Miss Susie Prentiss, who recently has been making her home in Norfolk, is a guest of Mrs. Algernon Darden, of Suffolk.

Miss Kate Brothers left Thursday to visit friends in Annapolis, Md.

Misses Virginia and Ethel Shoop are home from Sweet Briar Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Suter are visiting in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

J. Carroll Wiggins is home from the University of Pennsylvania.

Miss Lulu Barham, of Newsoms, Va., has finished a visit with Miss Virginia Jordan.

Cliff Jones, formerly of the Suffolk Boat Club, is visiting in Cuba.

Miss Lena Parker is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Lyle Guntz, in Baltimore.

James H. Corbett and son, are visiting in Atlanta.

Roanoke Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Roanoke, Va., March 26.—The Easter gorman of the Roanoke German Club will be held Friday evening, April 1, at Hotel Roanoke, and promises to be unusually beautiful and brilliant.

Monday evening, March 28, the Southwest German Club will give a German Entertainment at the Episcopal Church, the vested choir sang Stainer's "Credo." Tomorrow evening, at a special service, the choir will render "The Resurrection."

At Greene Memorial Church to-night the choir sang Alfred Gault's "The Easter Song." A large audience was present. The personnel of this choir—one of the best in the city—is as follows: Soprano, Mrs. John T. Trout; alto, Mrs. Raymond Young; tenor, Clarence W. Moomaw; bass, Clifton A. Woodrum; Organist, Mrs. Helen Lockett Graves; director, Mr. Woodrum.

Miss Helen Churchill, who is attending college in Pennsylvania, is at home for the holidays.

Charles Hart Gravelly, Paul and Lewis Kirkbride, of V. P. I., are spending the holidays at their home in this city.

Miss Faith Stahlman, of Columbus, O., who has been visiting friends in Petersburg, has returned to the city and is a guest of Miss Clarna Dunkle.

Miss Helinda Mitchell, of Stuart Hall, Staunton, is spending the Easter holiday with her parents, Captain and

Stallman, have gone to Florida to spend several weeks.

Dr. E. B. Pollard, of Chester, Pa., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Churchill.

Dr. Lindsey Robertson, of Charlottesville, who was called here by the death of his brother, Judge W. G. Robertson, has returned to his home.

Mrs. K. M. Bouldin is visiting her brother, Mr. Moir, in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Samuel G. Staples, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. Calli Stiles Daniel.

Miss Davis, of Lancaster, Pa., who has been the guest of Mrs. George MacBain, has returned home.

William T. Davant left Thursday for Louisiana, to spend several weeks.

Mrs. Joseph W. Cox, who is visiting in Philadelphia, will return home to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace G. Buchanan, of Richmond, were in the city the first of the week. They were joined here by Colonel William S. Battle, who accompanied them to French Lick Springs, Ind.

West Point Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] West Point, Va., March 26.—Mrs. W. S. Leake, of Richmond, leader of young women's missionary work in Virginia, was the guest of Mrs. Thomas P. Bayly at Easter.

En route to Gloucester county, on Monday, to engage in a missionary campaign in that county next week. She will be accompanied by Miss Bonnie Russell, of Hampton, superintendent of the Baptist Peninsula Association. On Easter Sunday Mrs. Leake will speak to all women and girls in West Point on missions.

The schools closed in West Point on Wednesday, and will give a whole week's holiday for Easter.

Mrs. Montague Pilcher and daughter, Gertrude, are spending the holidays with Montague Pilcher, Jr., at Fork Union Academy.

Dr. H. Crawford Perkins, of Greenville, N. C., is a guest in the home of Lewis Tabb.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. New York, is here looking after farms in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Diggs visited natives in King and Queen this week.

Miss Bessie Vaughan, of Shackleford, who teaches in the home of "Kentucky," just above West Point, visited her parents recently, accompanied by Miss Margaret Turner and Mary Page.

Miss Inez Palmer attended the educational convention in Williamsburg on Friday and Saturday.

Miss Virginia of Norfolk, is the guest of Mrs. H. I. Lewis.

Mrs. A. H. Kelley, of Savannah, Ga., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. C. Brooke.

Several from this section will attend the civil service examination to be held in Richmond, April 16, to fill the vacancy in the office of collector of customs at West Point, made by the appointment of John S. DeFarges.

Mrs. Ed. Morvitz and children left Wednesday to spend the holidays in Baltimore with relatives.

Mrs. Mary Topping, Orange, after the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lawson, last week.

Rev. J. H. Goodwin spent last week in Richmond.

Mrs. V. Garland Weaver and little son, of Portsmouth, have returned home after spending some time with friends in this county.

Miss Annie Anderson, of the Woman's College, is visiting her parents here.

Captain James Bohannon and family

have returned to Baltimore, after a visit with relatives here.

Rev. A. C. Boyd spent last week in Richmond.

Miss Mildred Bristow is home after a two week's stay in Walkerton.

Miss Rena Jones is spending some time in Philadelphia.

Misses Katherine and Henrietta Stormont, of Ingleswood School, are spending Easter at "Pleasant View."

Mrs. Nannie McCandlish and daughter, Miss Kate Healey, are home after spending some time in Huntington, W. Va.

Miss Velta Boyd has returned from a visit to Fredericksburg.

Mrs. J. A. Steptoe, of Indiana, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Segar.

Senator J. D. Saunders and W. D. Evans and family, who have been in Richmond for the past two months, have returned to their homes here.

Miss Kate Healey is at Harmony Village, after spending the winter in Baltimore.

Pocahontas Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Pocahontas, Pa., March 26.—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King left Thursday for Richmond, where Mrs. King goes for treatment. They were accompanied by Dr. John P. Haller, of this city.

Mrs. J. D. Danna was in Bluefield, W. Va., Thursday, the guest of friends.

Mrs. R. J. Murrell, who has been ill for the past three weeks, is much improved.

Sol Miller was in Bluefield, W. Va., Wednesday, the guest of relatives.

Colonel J. E. Jones, of Switchback, W. Va., was here this week at Harmony Village.

John W. Owens was a visitor to Bluefield, W. Va., Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Hyman had for their guests this week Mrs. Simon, of East Radford, the mother of Mrs. Hyman.

George Suppe, Jr., was the guest of friends in Bluefield, W. Va., Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Black had for their guests this week Mrs. E. H. Lynn, and Mrs. Frank Marshall Pile, of Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. J. W. H. Lawford was the guest of friends in Bluefield, W. Va., Wednesday.

Chatham Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Chatham, Va., March 26.—Mrs. William Marshall Tredway, Jr., delighted many entertained the San Couel Club Wednesday afternoon. The hostess is possessed of most charming and vivacious manner, and nothing was left undone that would have added to the pleasure of her guests.

Miss Bessie Redd Dillard entertained the Young Women's C. O. D. Club home in South Chatham.

Richard Willis, of Woodberry Forest, is at home for Easter.

Miss Hurt, of Clover, after a very short and pleasant visit to friends here, returned to her home Wednesday.

W. E. Lee is in South Carolina. Very appropriate exercises for Easter will be observed in Emmanuel Church Sunday morning. The music will be an especially attractive feature.

Mrs. Thomas L. Watson, of the University of Virginia, is visiting at the home of F. B. Watson, in West Chatham.

State Normal Social News.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Farmville, Va., March 26.—Miss Nannie Lewis spent the last week-end vacation in Richmond, the guest of Miss Mammie Richardson.

Mrs. Henrietta Hoarde, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been the guest of Mrs. E. T. Korlin, a former college mate, during the past week.

Mrs. E. E. Wiley went to Philadelphia last Tuesday to deliver an address to the graduating class of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia.

Miss Bert Myers has been at home in Richmond during the past week.

Dr. George L. Kite, of the department of medicine, continues ill at the Whitworth Sanatorium.

President Jarman attended the meeting of the State Board of Education in Richmond Tuesday night.

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